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to all the states which have navigable or public waters over which they have in the past and now exercise jurisdiction under a more liberal definition of navigability than is permissible under the federal test;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the members of this Association so affected request their attorneys general to join with the state of Minnesota by preparing and filing a brief Amicus Curiae in the supreme court of the United States or take such other necessary action that will protect their common interests.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 13**

##### **COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Whereas, it is essential that special subject matter committee reports containing recommendations for Association approval and action, rather than routine acceptance without Association commitment to specific action, be thoroughly reviewed by the voting membership units and their delegates fully prepared to take final and official action thereon.

Now, be it resolved, that such reports shall be completed and forwarded to all organizational members at least 20 days prior to the next annual meeting, provided that any such reports made to an annual meeting without benefit of advance review shall be held in abeyance until the next annual meeting, and provided further that the reports of the executive committee, legislative committee, resolutions committee, time and place committee, auditing committee, and nominating committee shall be exempt from the within requirements.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 14**

##### **SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS IN ADVANCE**

Whereas, one of the important functions of the annual meeting of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners is the adoption of various resolutions reflecting the Association's position on important conservation questions; and

Whereas, the Association has a number of committees well qualified to advise the membership on questions within their particular fields.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that all resolutions submitted for action by the Association be submitted to and cleared by the appropriate subject matter committee wherever feasible before being considered by the resolutions committee and eventual action by the membership at large.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15**

##### **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Whereas, the United States government from time to time advertises as surplus to its needs certain types of equipment and supplies; and

Whereas, state game and fish departments have not been privileged to apply for such items to use in developing and maintaining wildlife conservation, restoration and educational projects due to legal prohibitions; and

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in annual convention on September 12, 1958, holds that the fish and game conservation effort is equal in importance to presently approved uses of such equipment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners support action to achieve this purpose and that this organization request legislation in the United States congress or otherwise seek a solution whereby such equipment can be made available to state game and fish departments to use in furthering their wildlife conservation, restoration and educational objectives.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 16**

##### **WITHHOLDING FEDERAL AID FROM DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

Whereas, H. R. 10641 and H. R. 10642, introduced in the 85th congress by Representatives Henry S. Reuss (Wis.) and George S. McGovern (S. D.), respectively, proposed that federal aid for drainage be withheld when such drainage would result in damage and loss to wildlife; and

Whereas, surface water areas of value to wildlife are becoming rapidly reduced in number as the result of promiscuous drainage.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in 48th Annual Convention at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1958, that the 86th congress be urged to adopt legislation of this nature in the interests of perpetuating valuable wildlife resources, including migratory waterfowl, provided the withholding of such federal aid does not jeopardize the national interest; and

Be it further resolved, that the secretary of this organization transmit copies of this resolution to Congressmen Reuss and McGovern, the secretary of the Department of Agriculture and chairmen of the senate and house committees on Agriculture.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 17**

### **COOPERATION WITH THE MILITARY**

Whereas, the military establishments of the United States exercise control over vast areas of land throughout the United States;

Whereas, the passage of the Engle Military Lands Bill has assured the proper wildlife management and control of these lands;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled this 12th day of September, 1958, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, does commend the authorities of the military establishment and recommends to the officials of the states making up this Association that they cooperate fully with the military authorities at both the national and local level, and to carry this cooperation out to the utmost of their capacity including the providing of literature, advice, materials and services to the local commanders for the improvement of these bases for wildlife purposes.

And be it further resolved that this Association being firmly of the opinion that an understanding of the basic importance of conservation is a need of every citizen of the United States does hereby recommend the inclusion of at least a basic course in conservation in the curriculum of the several service schools of the military establishment.

The secretary is directed to send copies of this resolution to the heads of the military departments of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18**

### **AMENDMENTS TO STRENGTHEN FEDERAL POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

Whereas, pollution of many of the nation's surface water comprise interstate or regional problems of true concern to the federal government; and,

Whereas, municipal sewage treatment plant construction has been greatly stimulated by grants provided under provisions of Public Law 660, the Federal Pollution Control Act of 1956; and,

Whereas, there is a demonstrated need for expansion of this grants program to the authorizations proposed in the original legislation and as endorsed by this organization;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in 48th annual convention at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12, 1958, does hereby urge the congress of the United States of America to double the current sewage treatment plant construction grants program of Public Law 660, providing for a maximum of \$500,000 for any one grant under an annual maximum authorization of \$100 million and a 10-year maximum authorization of \$1 billion as proposed by the Blatnik Bill (H. R. 13420) in the 85th congress; and,

Be it further resolved that the congress also be urged to recognize the magnitude of the pollution problem by creating a new position of Assistant Secretary for Water Pollution Control within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and to otherwise elevate the status of this program as proposed by H. R. 13839 in the 85th congress.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19**

### **ENGLE BILL COOPERATION**

Whereas, in many states there exists problems arising out of the legal uncertainty as to whether the state has jurisdiction to enforce its game, fish and other laws in certain areas presently or previously in the ownership of the federal government; and

Whereas, a partial solution to this problem was accomplished by an enactment in congress of the so-called Engle Bill (Public Law 337) — 85th congress) authorizing federal agencies to return jurisdiction to the states over military lands;

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of this committee that many states and the officials in charge of the conservation game and fish programs therein are unaware that it is necessary for the legislatures of